

## HONORING LAW ENFORCEMENT

**HON. ANDY BIGGS**

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 19, 2022*

Mr. BIGGS. Madam Speaker, this week a grateful nation honored law enforcement by celebrating National Police Week. My gratitude to our law enforcement professionals and their families cannot be overstated. Their sacrifices, in the defense of and service to our communities, are worthy of recognition and humble thanks.

Those lost in the line of duty this past year from agencies within Arizona's Fifth Congressional District include:

Maricopa County Sheriff's Deputy Juan Miguel Ruiz, End of Watch Monday, October 11, 2021

Maricopa County Sheriff's Lieutenant Chad Owen Brackman, End of Watch Wednesday, November 10, 2021

Maricopa County Detention Officer Kendall Leroy Thomas, End of Watch Friday, September 10, 2021

Chandler Police Officer Lyndon Tyler Britt, End of Watch Monday, January 11, 2021

Chandler Police Officer Jeremy Martin Wilkins, End of Watch Friday, December 17, 2021

Chandler Police Officer Christopher Allan Farrar, End of Watch Friday, April 30, 2021

To illustrate the bravery and selflessness of these men, I wish to share the account of Chandler Police Officer Farrar and Gilbert Police Officer Rico Aranda.

Last year, deputies with the Pinal County Sheriff's Office were in pursuit of a known felon. Understanding full well that the suspect had already fired shots at the responding deputies and their lives may be in peril, Officer Farrar and Officer Aranda entered the pursuit. The suspect entered a car dealership in Chandler where he stole a truck. He then turned this vehicle against the officers, striking Officer Farrar and Officer Aranda, causing both to suffer critical injuries. Officer Farrar succumbed to his injuries, while Officer Aranda is still on the path to full recovery.

While in the hospital, Officer Aranda was visited by his Chief and was asked about his future plans. The Chief expressed gratitude for his sacrifice and, knowing the long road ahead, told him there would be no shame if he decided to retire after this incident. Officer Aranda looked him in the eye and told him, "Nah dawg, I'm gonna be Chief one day."

This is but one of countless examples of the bravery, dedication, and honor with which our law enforcement professionals serve. The people of Arizona's Fifth Congressional District are grateful. We stand with them. We support them. And we will always back the blue.

**HONORING ANDREW HENGSTLER  
FOR EARNING THE HUSKY 100  
AWARD AT THE UNIVERSITY OF  
WASHINGTON**

**HON. JAIME HERRERA BEUTLER**

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. HERRERA BEUTLER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate

Andrew Hengstler from Vancouver, Washington on being awarded the Husky 100 from the University of Washington.

The University of Washington Husky 100 program recognizes 100 undergraduate and graduate students from all campuses and all areas of study who are making the most of their time while attending university. Recipients of the Husky 100 are successfully connecting what happens inside the classroom to the outside, they're helping make a difference on campus and in their communities, and they are preparing for an ambitious and successful future. Andrew is no exception.

Andrew is pursuing his bachelor's in Construction Management at the University of Washington. After graduation, Andrew wants to use his degree and experience to "develop built environments that encourage community collaboration, where people are not separated by class or culture." His current activities and goals led to Andrew earning this recognition.

Once again, I want to congratulate Andrew on earning this honor and I wish him the best of luck in his future endeavors.

**HONORING RANDELL "RANDY"  
IWASAKI FOR HIS DEDICATED  
PUBLIC SERVICE**

**HON. JERRY McNERNEY**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. McNERNEY. Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join in celebrating the service and achievements of Randell "Randy" Iwasaki, who is retiring from his position as Executive Director of the Contra Costa Transportation Authority (CCTA).

Randy joined CCTA as Executive Director in 2010 after a 26-year career with the California Department of Transportation, where he served as Director after holding various engineering and management positions. Under Randy's guidance, CCTA completed high-profile, long-term projects such as the fourth bore of the Caldecott Tunnel and widening State Route 4 in eastern Contra Costa County. He and his team also worked on pioneering projects, such as creating the largest secure and connected autonomous vehicle proving ground in the nation. They also championed legislation and secured funding to pilot the first system of low-speed multi-passenger shared autonomous vehicles without steering wheels, brake pedals, accelerators, or operators on public roads in the United States.

Under Randy's leadership, CCTA's work has been as diverse as Contra Costa County itself. In addition to the work in autonomous vehicles, CCTA has expanded bicycle transportation and facilities, increased ferry service, created an electric vehicle readiness blueprint for the County, bolstered recreational opportunities in conjunction with other regional agencies, and even constructed maps to make it safer for children to get to school.

Randy has been a good steward of public resources, and his efforts have not gone unrecognized. His agency received the Certificate of Excellence in Financial Reporting from the Government Finance Officers Association for eight consecutive years, as well as the Silver Medal for Good Government from the Contra Costa Taxpayers Association.

Randy's commitment to providing the public with the highest level of service is an example to all. I ask that my colleagues join me in honoring Randell "Randy" Iwasaki's exceptional service to the people of California and in wishing him a happy, well-deserved retirement.

**HONORING THE LIFE OF ROBERT  
"BOBBY" DONALD VENTI**

**HON. JOHN B. LARSON**

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. LARSON of Connecticut. Madam Speaker, I include in the RECORD the following obituary for Robert "Bobby" Donald Venti:

Robert "Bobby" Donald Venti, 75, of East Hartford, beloved husband of Roberta A. (Farrell) Pacheco, passed away peacefully at home with his loving family by his side on Saturday, March 26, 2022. Born in Hartford on July 24, 1946, he was the son of the late Joseph and Eleanor (LaMacchia) Venti and had lived in the East Hartford area his entire life. Bobby was a graduate of East Hartford High School. He was a proud decorated veteran of the U.S. Army, serving during the Vietnam War, earning a Bronze Star medal. Bobby worked as a lithographer in the printing business for many years. He was a member of the Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 120 of Greater Hartford, American Legion Post #133 of South Windsor, and VFW Post #2046, where he was currently serving as Post Commander. He also belonged to the Army/Navy Club of Manchester and the Disabled American Veterans, Chapter 17. He was an organizer and Master of Ceremonies of the Manchester Veteran's Parade and was involved with Veteran's Row at the Manchester Road Race. Bobby was also an animal lover and an avid gardener, who was especially proud of his award winning roses.

In addition to his wife Roberta, Bobby will be forever missed by his two sons, Adam Pacheco of Derby and Joshua Pacheco and wife Chelsea of Broad Brook; and his two adored grandchildren, Robert C. Pacheco and Caroline J. Pacheco, both of Broad Brook. He is also survived by his brother, James Venti of Bristol; five sisters, Gloria Venti of Ellijay, GA, Joan Lugo and husband Rene of Cummings, GA, Elizabeth Pinney of East Hartford, Carol Schwager of Port Ritchie, FL and Mary Jacques and husband Robert of Glastonbury; as well as many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews; and dear friends. He was predeceased by two brothers, John Venti and Joseph Venti.

**HONORING DR. MUTHUSAMY  
SWAMI AS A DISTINGUISHED  
LEADER IN CENTRAL FLORIDA  
FOR ASIAN AMERICAN AND PACIFIC  
ISLANDER HERITAGE  
MONTH**

**HON. DARREN SOTO**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SOTO. Madam Speaker, hailing from the southern part of India, Dr. Muthusamy